Feb 10. 1851

Dear Sir

as to the question of power of Sale of the 3rd R. Ground Rent of £3.18.0.

I find the original Church deed, from creating the united Church a corporation declares that the corporation shall have power to purchase have power to take hold and enjoy lands &c.

and in the next (6th.) page of the Book it specially declares that "the said United Church Wardens & Vestrymen & their successors shall not by said deed or conveyance or by any other ways or means grant alien or otherwise dispose of any Manors messuages Lands Tenements or Hereditaments in them & their Successors to be vested nor change nor encumber the same to any person or persons whomsoever"

~~the Act of Assembly passed Sept 12. 1851 authorizes the United Churches~~

in examination of the Law directing the two Churches & making them separately corporate I can find nothing repealing this original restriction disabling them from sale of Real Estate. —

I derive the Act of Assembly 1 Sept 12. 1851 creates & gives the power of Sale of Ground Rents

at that time forming part of the Property of Christ Church Hospital free from the Trusts of Dr Heardly's Will. —

The conclusions I am compelled to come to as at present advised that unless this Rent formed part of the Christ Church Hospital Property & the Trust emanated under the Will of Dr Heardly that the Corporations at this time have no power to sell & Ground Rent.

Please let me hear from Mr Wm

Yrs truly

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Moses Kimpton Esq

Feb 16 — 1853

Lee Bart

Conveyance —

In pursuance to Grand
Rents held by Ch Ch
& St Petry — jointly
by Indenture authority to
Sell — in Consequence of
a Clause in Original
Charter —

Philad.a March 9.th 1853.

Sir.

It is my desire to remove the bodies of my two infant children now in the vault of my father in law James Stokes deceased in Christ Church Burial Ground 5.th & Arch Sts to St Lukes Church Germantown, and request you will grant to M.r K.K. Bringhurst the necessary permit to remove the bodies from the said vault.

Respectfully
Yours

Mr. M. Kempton
Church Warden

K. & Bringhurst

March 9 1853

Frederick Shoemaker

Agent

to procure removal

from of his two children

from

Del Stockbridge

New York Octr 8. 1853

Morris Kingston Esq.

Dear Sir.

Yours of October 6th came to hand this day - When your former letter came I was absent from the City -

As regards the Setting of the front pipes in Christ Church organ, I regret it very much - The pipes were made of very thick metal, and of the right quality - The object in making them so thick was to produce a good tone - You may depend upon it, it was not done for economy sake - It is what happens to all large pipes which are made of the composition of metal, that all large pipes were made of 15 or 20 years ago - We now make them of Zinc - which is a much better article, inasmuch as they never give way -

I would advise that new Zinc pipes be put in, in place of the old ones, and I am perfectly willing to do it, at the cost price or less - I feel as much interest in the organ as I ever did - I know it is the best organ in Philadelphia - I will be in Phila. in about a weeks time and I will examine the pipes, and at the

same time will consult with you on the subject.

Respy yours &c

Henry Esher

New York
October 8th 1853

Henry Erben

In Answer - respecting the
Large pipes of the Organ
given way —

Respectfully

same time will consult
Subject -

New York November 16. 1853

Morris Thompson Esq

Dear Sir -

In conversation with you on Saturday evening last, I told you before leaving Philadelphia, I would examine the organ in Christ Church, and report to you its condition - On examining it, I was sorry to find it in a very bad condition - The organ was put up in December 1836, and has not been cleaned since - The action, and all the Machinerery, is full of dirt - No organ ought to run longer than five or six years at furthest without being cleaned - It is proper for me to state also, that the organ has been injured by being tinkered with, or experimented with by persons unacquainted with its construction - Some of the machinery appears to have been taken out, and altered, and not answering the purpose intended, has been altered back again -

I would advise the Vestry to have the Organ thoroughly overhauled, the action Machinery and pipes taken out and cleaned - That will cost $225 -

As regards the front pipes they

were made of the best material we know of at the time the organ was built - The metal they were made of was block tin and lead, and for the sake of getting a good tone, they were made of very thick metal - and the weight of the bodies has caused the feet to give way - The same thing occurs in all large organs, either in this Country, or in Europe - The material we now make them of, is thick Zinc, which is a very strong and durable metal - I would advise the 17 large front pipes taken out and Zinc pipes put in place of them - You state in your letter that you think, "I should in justice replace them with perfect ones; altho' the Church does not make the demand on you to do it" - I think it is unreasonable for you to expect me to do it at my own expense, when the Organ has been in use for 17 years - You must recollect there has been as much improvement in organs in that time, as there has been in any thing else - The materials we now make them of, is Zinc, which I import from Antwerp - and it is only within the last 3 or 4 years that it has been introduced - I import the Moslem Zinc, made and clean. there is no for pipes - and put are there which mch for the co If it can If nee to the cl be painted that the overhauled

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Zinc, made expressly for me very thick and clean. I mention this because there is no other Zinc that is fit for pipes - I will make the 17 pipes and put them up in place of those that are there for $375, and the old pipes, which includes the gilding - My estimate for the cost of the gilding is $150 - If it can be done for less in Phila I will make the deduction - In addition to the cleaning &c, the case ought to be painted - In fact it is proper that the organ should be thoroughly overhauled and renewed.

If the Vestry should decide that I should do the work, I will commence it forthwith.

resp'y yours &c

Henry Erben

New York
November 16 1853

Henry Erben

Reports the Condition of the
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